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Do you think firework sales to the public should be banned?

Choice

Yes

No

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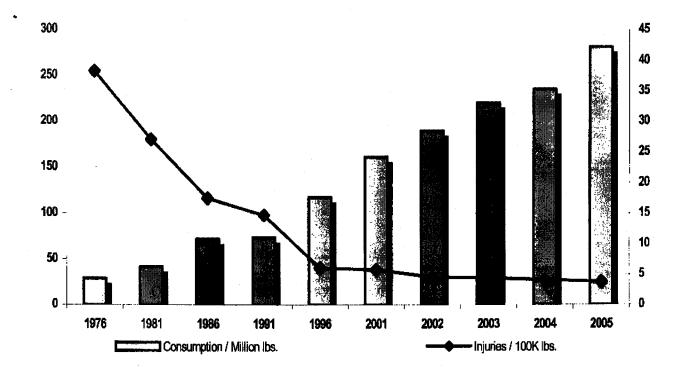
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FIREWORKS-RELATED INJURY RATES, 1976-2005

Consumption of fireworks in the United States has risen dramatically over the past two and a half decades, from 29 million pounds in 1976 to over 281.5 million pounds in 2005. While the industry has seen an 870.7% increase in fireworks consumption per million pounds, there has been a 90.1% decrease in fireworks-related injuries per 100,000 pounds.



¹ 1976 fireworks-related injury rate was 38.3 per 100,000 pounds, compared to 2005 rate of 3.8 per 100,000 pounds.



Fireworks-Related Injury Rates, 1976-2005

Year	Fireworks Consumption Millions of Pounds	Estimated Fireworks-related Injuries ²	Injuries per 100,000 Pounds
1976	29.0	11,100	38.3
1977	32.2	8,300	25.8
1978	32.8	7,100	21.6
1979	36.0	8,100	22.5
1980	41.2	9,400	22.8
1981	42.1	11,400	27.1
1982	50.7	8,500	16.8
1983	51.9	8,200	15.8
1984	55.0	9,900	18.0
1985	63.6	10,300	16.2
1986	72.1	12,600	17.5
1987	72.8	9,000	12.4
1988	66.8	10,200	15.2
1989	80.2	9,700	12.1
1990	67.6	12,000	17.7
1991	73.7	10,900	14.7
1992	87.1	12,500	14.3
1993	101.9	12,000	11.7
1994	117.0	12,500	10.7
1995	115.0	10,900	9.4
1996	118.0	7,300	6.1
1997	132.9	8,300	6.2
1998	112.6	8,500	7.5
1999	156.9	8,500	5.4
2000	152.6	11,000	7.2
2001	161.6	9,500	5.8
2002	190.1	8,800	4.6
2003	220.8	9,700	4.4
2004	236.2	9,600	4.1
2005	281.5	10,800	3.8

¹ Summary of Trade and Tariff Information — Fireworks (TSUS Item 755.15), U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, D.C.

² National Electronic Injury Surveillance System, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C.